

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, October 9, 1727.

From the Whitehall Evening-post, Sept. 30.

Hazar, Oct. 3.

**O**UR private Letters from Paris insinuate, That the French Merchants who trade to Spain, are mightily incensed against the Queen-Consort of King Philip, to whom they attribute all the Quirks and Chicanes of that Court to elude the Execution of the Preliminary Articles, particularly, with regard to the Repatriation of the Effects of the Flotilla, on which their Commerce depends; for if they cannot recover their Effects, to what End should they trade? They say, that if that Princess flatters France a little at present, 'tis only to deceive her; tho' others conjecture, with more Probability, That Rome governs both Courts, and makes use of the Queen of Spain to embroil Affairs and to surprize the Protestants. But to guard against all Events, some talk of renewing the *Grand Alliance*, in case France and Spain do not give Satisfaction to the Crown of Great Britain, which cannot be weakned, without weakning the whole Body of the Protestants at the same Time, whereof the may properly be reckoned the Head. The Conclusion of the double Match between Spain and Portugal, is a surprize upon us in point of Time; and since it stuck so long, at the Non-Accession of Portugal to the Treaty of Vienna, we long to hear if there is any other Treaty made between these two Crowns than those of Marriage. The Portions on each Side are settled at 500,000 Crowns in Money, and Jewels to the same Value.

The States of Groeningen do not take it kindly, that the Prince of Hesse-Homburg and the Count de Nassau la Lecq, two Lieutenant-Generals of Horse, who had their Recommendation at the late Promotion, were not then taken notice of: They have even writ to their High Mightinesses, That they do not understand why two Senior Lieutenant-Generals, who have served their Country with so much Honour and Reputation, should have been neglected at that Promotion.

London, Sept. 30. Baron Dehn is arrived here with a publick Character from the Duke of Brun-

wick-Wolfenbutterle, and had this Day his first Audience of their Majesties.

The Baron Van Sporken, Nephew to the Dutchess of Kendal, is arrived here from Holland; as are a great many Foreigners 'gainst the Coronation.

From the London Journal, Sept. 30.

Whitehall, Sept. 30. Letters from Vice-Admiral Hosier dated July 15, advise, That he was lying off Caragena (where the Spanish Gallies and the Convoy still remained) with 10 Men of War of the Squadron of his Majesty's Ships, viz. Brodah, Superbe, Rippon, Nottingham, Dunkirk, Tyger, Portland, Diamond, and Greyhound: He left the Berwick (which had been damaged and was repaired) and Lenox; and had sent the Leopard to convoy Homeward-bound Ships thorough the Windward Passage.

Letters from Sir Charles Wager, dated the 15th Inst. give Account, That he was then, with the Squadron under his Command, in the Bay of Gibraltar; and that all was quiet there.

From the Daily Journal, Sept. 30.

Petersburg, Sept. 4. Last Week 7 or 8 Persons were arrested, Accomplices of the late Conspiracy, against whom Processes are actually preparing. Orders are dispatched for the March of 15,000 Men towards the Places conquered by the late Czar on the Caspian Sea.

Madrid, Sept. 16. There has been lately launched in the Ports of Biscay two new Men of War, and 4 more are on the Stocks, which 'tis propos'd to have ready to put to Sea by the 15th of next Month.

Dresden, Sept. 17. The Duke of Liria, Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Spain to the Russian Court, is arrived here: But 'tis said he will go first to the Court of Berlin, to negotiate some Affairs there.

Paris, Sept. 26. Mr. Du Boyle has demonstrated during two Months, the several Effects of Distempers, by his Microscopes, and employed two other Months in curing the said Distempers; the Numbers of Persons he has healed, (which he will soon



publish) and a list of their Names and Habitations, leaves no Room to doubt of any Thing that has been advanced in the 2 Systems of the English Physician. The Secrets whereof, Mr. Boyle will always be ready to impart to the Publick for a reasonable Recompence.

*Weymouth, Sept. 27.* Yesterday came to an Anchor in Portland Road, the *Happy Junet* of and from Dumbur, Robert Green Master, bound for Barcelona; also the *Concord* of ditto, Robert Macleish, for ditto.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Sept. 30.*

*Vienne, Sept. 20.* The Hereditary Prince of Lorraine, grows still more in Favour with the Emperor, who takes a remarkable Pleasure in his Conversation, for which Reason, 'tis supposed that in Case the said Prince should survive him without Male Issue, somewhat extraordinary will be done with Respect to certain Hereditary Countreys or Conquests. Yesterday there was a Grand Council at Court, wherein assisted Prince Eugene, Prince Lichtenstein, Count Schlick, Count Sinzendorf, Chancellor of the Empire, and several others, wherein, among other Things, it was resolved, not to make a further Delay in opening the Congress, in pursuance of which the Plenipotentiaries of the Emperor have ordered their Equipages to be ready against Monday next, when they design to set out for Cambray, and proceed by the Way of Brussels & Amiens. They write from Presburg, That the Protestants of Hungary are still perplexed by the Roman Catholics there, who notwithstanding the Emperor's Mandates against those Wrongs, continues to use illegal Methods to force them to quit that Country, of which fresh Complaints have been made.

*Paris, Sept. 24.* Count Rothemburg, who was gone to Madrid to carry the blue Ribbon to the King of Spain, is also charged with an important Commission, and we flatter our selves that Spain will agree to hold the Congress, which is also corroborated with a Report that the Spanish Plenipotentiaries are arrived at Bayonne in their Way to Cambray.

*London, Sept. 30.* A Live Rattle Snake, brought over by a Surgeon from the West Indies, was last Wednesday carried to the College of Physicians in Warwick Lane, being the Day of their Quarterly Meeting; we hear it was offered to an eminent Mem-

ber of the College and a great Virtuoso, but being a Dangerous Creature he had no Mind to it; however it was carried away they made the following Experiment; They got a Dog to be drawn by a String backwards and forwards over it, the Snake being thereby provoked bit him by the Leg, and he swell'd and died immediately. They made use of another Dog in like Manner, and he being also bit died in a few Moments, then they opened one of the Dogs to search into the Manner of the Operation of the Poison, that was so violent and quick; an Account of which we have not yet heard.

*Prices of Goods at Bear-Key Yesterday.*

Wheat 18 to 36. Rye 22 to 25. Barley 18 to 20 6. Oats 10 to 15. Pease 18 to 25. Horse Beans 18 to 20. Pale Malt 25 to 30. Brown Malt 21 to 24 6. Tares 16 to 23 per Quarter. Old Hops 30 to 38 s. New Hops 40 to 46 s. per Hundred. Coals 22 to 23 per Chaldron. Rapeseed 13 L. to 15 L. per Last.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Oct. 3.*

*No Foreign Mails this Post.*

Should the News prove true which we copied in our last from the *Amsterdam Gazette*, viz. That the King of Spain has ratified the Preliminary Articles; we will, no doubt, soon see a Lessening of the Taxes, by the Reduction of the Forces, &c. But the Advices by the last French Mail making no Mention thereof, puts us under some Distrust. However, 'tis hoped the next Mail will give us the Confirmation.

Mean time the Spaniards are very intent upon increasing their Naval Force; 16 Men of War ly at Cadix, where there are 20 others, French or Portuguese; and they expected there about the Beginning of this Month, several of these Men of War that were built in Biscay. And we are told, that repeated Orders have been sent to all the Docks, to finish with all Expedition those that are begun to be built. There are also some to come from America, where they have been built.

The French are no less busy in building and refitting their Ships of War, particularly at Rochefort, where they are sitting out with all Diligence possible, all the Vessels that can be made fit for Service; and that they are also working upon the build-



building of several others in divers Ports of that Kingdom.

What Designs there may be in the aforesaid Armaments, we know not: But as G. Britain is the greatest Maritime Power now in Europe, so she can, and will, upon a just Occasion, assert her Sovereignty over the Seas.

'Tis evident that Admiral Hoier, notwithstanding the Complaints that are said to be made by the Inhabitants of Jamaica, hath fully answered the good Ends for which he was sent with a Squadron to the W. Indies, by protecting our Trade in those Parts from the Depredations of the Spaniards.

Last Saturday Admiral Norris set out for the North, to try a Captain of one of his Majesty's Ships and some other Officers, on board the Pearl Man of War, for Misdemeanours.

On Saturday died the Old Marchioness of Halifax of an Apoplexy, by which a very considerable Estate falls to the Earl of Chesterfield.

'Tis said Sir Francis Forbes, who died last Thursday, left the Gross of his Estate to the Gentleman that was his Clerk, and handsome Legacies to several of his Servants.

'Tis said the King will not go this Season to the Horse-races at Newmarket; and that the Earl of Pontefract is made Master of the Horse to her Majesty.

Preparations are making at Guildhall for the Entertainment of the King, Queen, and Royal Family at Dinner on the L. Mayor's Day; and the Common Council, we hear, are to meet next Thursday to settle the said Entertainment.

The new Crown which the King is to wear on the Day of his Coronation, is so rich and beautiful, and of such curious Workmanship, that vast Numbers of People go to see it.

'Tis observable, That not one Mail arrives from Abroad, but another is impatiently expected, in order to have the Prospect of a General Peace taking place.

Mean time strong Reports run about the Town, That the King of Spain has abdicated the Crown a 2d Time: But this, as far as we can learn, is raised by the Jews, who are great Jobbers in publick Stocks.

The Court of France has notified in Form to that of Portugal, likewise to those of Vienna and Madrid, her Most Christian Majesty's being delivered

From the Evening Post, Oct. 3.

Madrid, Sept. 18. The chief Diversion at St. Ildefonso, is walking in the Garden. The Nuncio of the Pope repaired thither last Friday: 'Tis said the Business he went about was to deliver to his Majesty, a second Letter from the most Christian King, from whom, as we hear, a Minister is shortly expected. Since the coming of an Express from Vienna, who arrived last Week, our Plenipotentiaries have received Orders to be ready for departing for Cambray, about the middle of October, their heavy Baggage is to be sent to Bilbao, and put on board a Ship for France. 'Tis whispered here, that the King hastened as much as he could, the Marriage of the Prince of Asturias with the Infanta of Portugal; and that soon after the Consummation of the same, his Majesty will take a surprising Resolution in favour of that Presumptive Heir of the Crown.

Brussels, Oct. 2. Don Philip Rodriguez, who was entrusted with the Affairs of Spain at the Court of Vienna, has been appointed Consul of the Spanish Nation at Ostend, with a Salary of 100 Crowns per Month, besides the Perquisites and a Sum of Money for the Expences of his Journey.

Antwerp, Oct. 3. The Directors of the Ostend Company have received Advice by the Way of Portugal, that the 4 Ships they expected home from China and Bengal, arrived safe in Brazil the latter End of May last; so that we reckon they may reach Ostend some Time this Month, with another Ship that came out 2 Months after the four above. Our Stock is at 148.

London, Oct. 3. The Dutchess Dowager of Hamilton and Brandon is excused from attending at the Coronation, on account of an Indisposition.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 109, 5 8ths. Ditto Annuities 103 1 half. India 162. Bank 133 1 4th. York Buildings 8.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Oct. 3.

Madrid, Sept. 15. The Discourse still continues of some Alterations at Court. The young Count Zinzendorf, who served in the Siege of Gibraltar as a Volontier, is set out in his Return to Vienna by Way of Paris and Brussels. The King made him a Present of his Picture set with Diamonds. The

The Court has put on Mourning for the Death of the Empress of Russia.

*Hague, Oct. 7. N. S.* Among other Reasons for Mylnher Rumpfs tarrying still at Dresden, there is this, namely, to keep a watchful Eye upon the Duke of Liria, Ambassador of the King of Spain to that Court, from whence he is to go afterwards to Berlin. But these two Embassies will be of very little Advantage to his Catholick Majesty, because neither of the Courts he addresses to, will enter into his Interests; at least that of Dresden declines, as I am told, to have any Thing to do with the Duke of Liria's Proposals; and his Prussian Majesty will hardly set the Allies of Hanover at greater Variance with him than ever.

*London, Oct. 3.* The two Dutch Ambassadors with their Retinues arrived here on Friday last.

*Edinburgh, Oct. 9.* The Lords of Admiralty having (at the Earl of Sutherland's Desire) sent Orders to Captain Pomeroy of the *Katharine Tache*, now at Leith, to make the best of his way to London; she is accordingly to sail on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

Last Week a strange Fish, near 30 Foot long, was discovered by some Fish-boats off Barnbuckle, the Seat of the Earl of Roseberry, and brought to Land.

*Glasgow, Oct. 4.*

Meal, from L. 6, 00, 00. to 06, 08, 00.

Bear, from L. 6, 00, 00. to 07, 00 00.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

*By Order of Alexander Brody of Brody, Esq; Lyon King at Arms.*

These are to advertise all Messengers at Arms within the Kingdom of Scotland, That they appear personally at Edinburgh on the Sixth Day of November next, at the Head Court to be held there by the Lyon or his Deputies; to renew their Bonds of Cautionry, to pay their Annuities, and answer to any Complaints that may be made against them, under Pain of Deprivation.

††† That the *Alexander of Pittenweem* (120 Tons Burden) now lying in the Harbour of Anstruther, is to be exposed to publick voluntary Roup upon the 25th Day of October next, in the House of Philip Millar, one of the present Bailies of Anstruther, betwix the Floors of 2 & 4 after Noon, by Thomas Donaldson Shipmaster in Pittenweem; as having Power and Commission from the Owner of said Vessel for that Effect. Copies of the Inventory to be seen in the Royal Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at the House of John Reid Vintner in Leith, and at Thomas Donaldson's House in Pittenweem.

††† That the House of BURNFOOT, lying in the Parish of Newbottle and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, consisting of 7 Fire-rooms, 2 Kitchens, 7 large Wool Lotts, 4 Lime-pits, with a large Steep-hale, and a Conduit of fresh Water running in to the same; and all other Conveniencies for a Skinner or Tanner; standing upon the Brink of the Water of Southesk; likewise a Stable, a Cow-byer, 2 large Gardens, Corn-barn and Barn-yard: ARE to be exposed by publick Roup upon the Seventeenth of October next, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 after Noon, in the House of James Mill Clerk of Dalkeith. The Rental, Rights of the Houses, and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of said James Mill, or Mr. John Thomson Writer to the Signet. N.B. The same is very fit for Woollen Manufactories.

††† That the Mannor-place (either with or without the Yards) Park, Meadow, and Docecoats of the HILL, or ENSTERFIELD, nigh the Burgh of Dumfermling to the South, about 3 Miles from the North Queensferry; is to be set in Tack for long or short Space, the Entry at or before Martinmas next. The House consists of a large Dining-room, Drawing-room, Kitchen, Parlour with a Fire-closet, 9 Bed-rooms with Closets to 5 of them; a large Garrets; Brewehouse, Cellars with fix'd Bottle-backs and Drainer, a Milch-house, a large Stable with 9 close Travellers well finished, 6 fix'd Chests for Graith or Corn, and a Hay-loft above the Stable; a Coach-house, a convenient Draw well, and several other Conveniencies; the House all well box'd and finished, with large Sash Windows; the Gardens in good Order, with a great many Wall and Standard Fruit-trees. The Tackman may also have the Use of the Furniture, being all new and valuable. There are 10 Acres in the Park, and 3 in the Meadows: And if they incline for more Land to labour, they can have a Plough-gang lying close by the Mannor-place, with Barn, Byers and Stables, but no Tenant's House. There are also Nurseries of all Sort Trees and Hedging in the said Gardens to be disposed of. Enquire at Mr. John Macfarlane Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber South Side of the Cross, Edinburgh; or at William Black Writer in Dumfermlin, who will set the same.

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